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BOISE & SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FORESTS

Little Queens Fire Update
August 21, 2013

Fire Information:
208-384-3266 (staffed 7 am to 7 pm)
208-774-3000
www.inciweb.org/incident/3681/

Fire Facts:

Location: Mostly within the Sawtooth Wilderness and Boise National Forest near Atlanta, Idaho and about 35 miles southwest of Stanley.

Size: 9,500 acres

Percent Contained: 0%

Cause: Under investigation

Incident Resources: 150 personnel including: 4 hand crews, 5 engines, and air resources

Fire Start Date: August 17, 2013

Fire Activity:

The fire experienced strong winds on Tuesday which pushed flames into the China Basin, about 3 miles north of Atlanta. Current plans call for five engines and their crews, with more ordered, to place pumps and hose around the community. In addition, crews are preparing for the potential of the fire reaching Atlanta by reducing vegetation on the edge of town.

A heavy smoke inversion this morning curtailed the use of helicopters. Once the smoke lifts, air tankers and helicopters will be able to make drops on the south flank. Smoke may periodically be visible

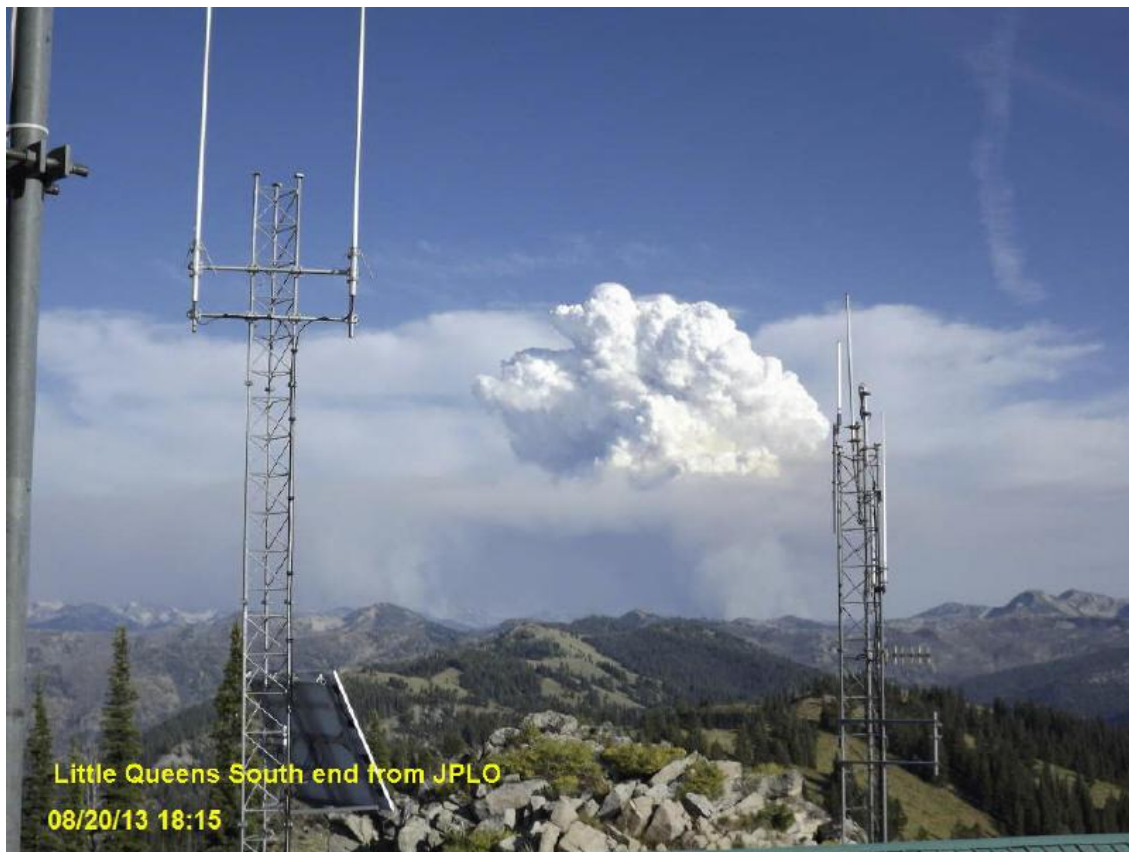
A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Incident Commander Mike Wilde) is in command of the fire. The command post is located in Weatherby along the Middle Fork Boise River near Atlanta.

Evacuations and Road Closures:

The community of Atlanta is under a Mandatory Evacuation. Residents only may be allowed short trips to Atlanta to retrieve personal belongings from the Middle Fork Boise River closure point, but that may be restricted based on fire activity. The road from the closure point is closed to the general public.

Area Closures:

The U.S. Forest Service issued an area closure for the Boise National Forest. Details can be found at www.inciweb.org or by calling 208-384-3266.



Little Queens Fire as seen from Jackson Peak Lookout within the Boise National Forest Service looking east showing very active fire behavior just north of Atlanta – Stanley would be to the left and off the picture